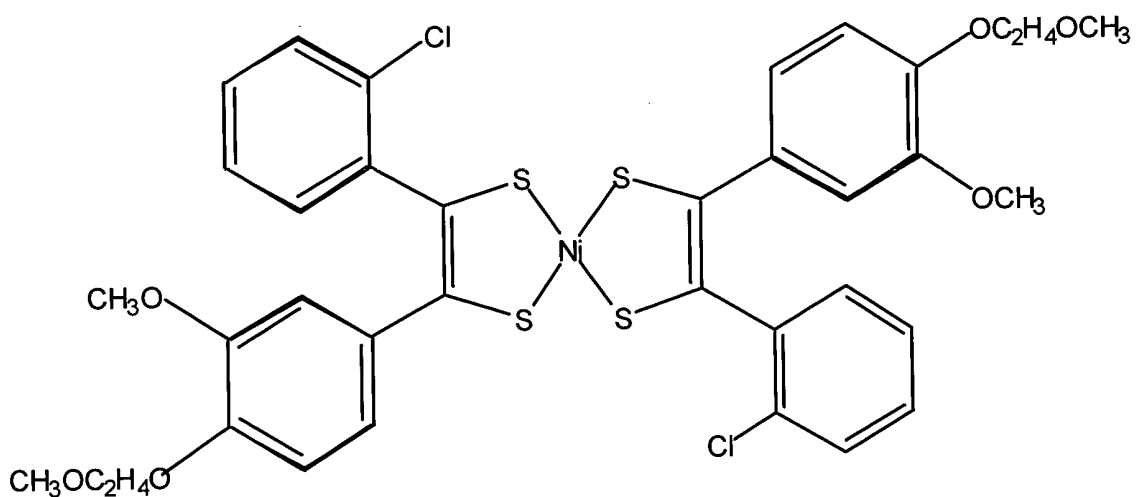


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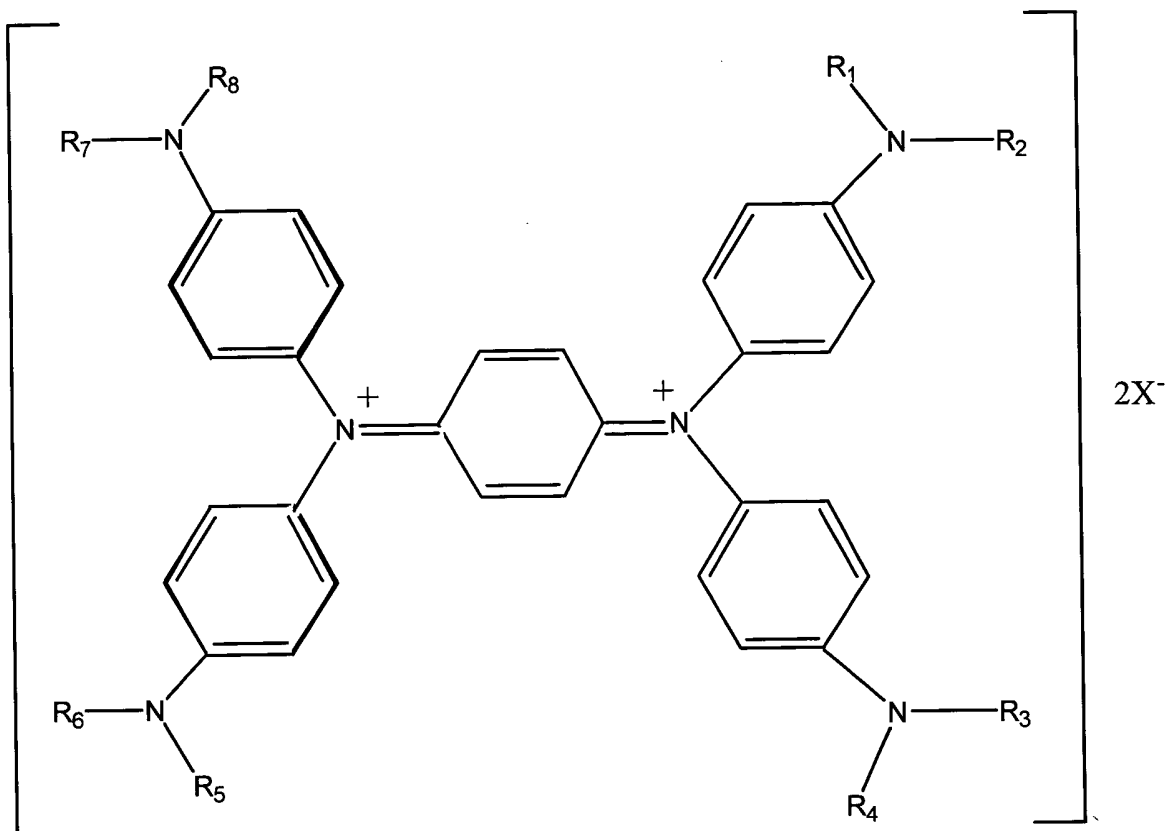
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nickel complex represented by the following formula (1):



and at least one kind of diimonium compound represented by the following general formula (2):

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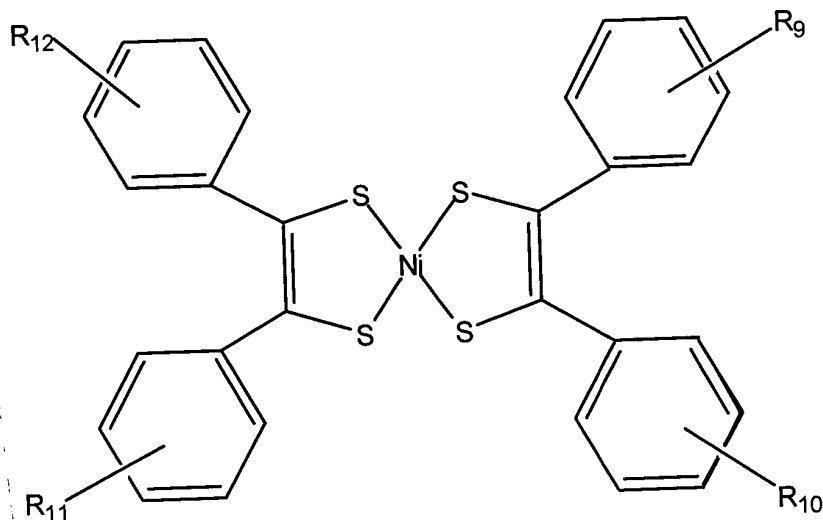
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(wherein R_1 to R_8 may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-12} alkyl group or a C_{6-12} aryl group; and X is an anion typified by SbF_6^- , ClO_4^- , NO_3^- or a halogen ion).

[Please amend claim 4 to read as follows:]

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4. (Amended) A near infrared absorption material according to Claim 1, which further contains at least one kind of dithiol-nickel complex represented by the following general formula (3):



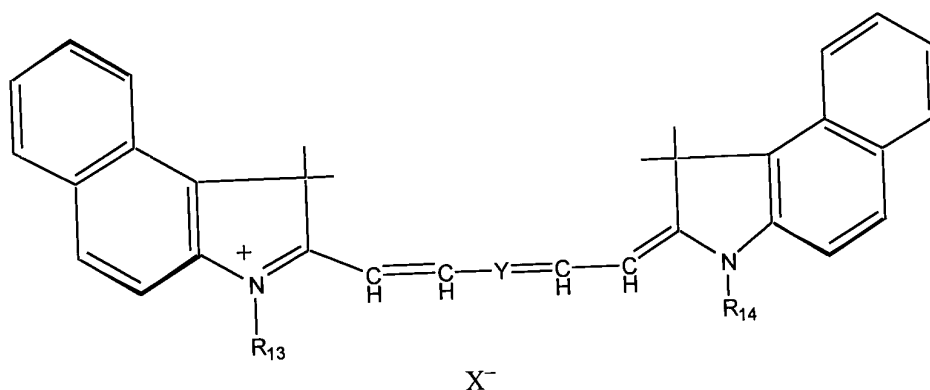
(wherein R₉ to R₁₂ may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₄ alkylene group, an aryl group, an aralkyl group, an alkylamino group, an alkoxy group or a halogen atom).

[Please amend claim 5 to read as follows:]

5. (Amended) A near infrared absorption material according

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to Claim 1, which further contains at least one kind of polymethine dye represented by the following general formula (4):

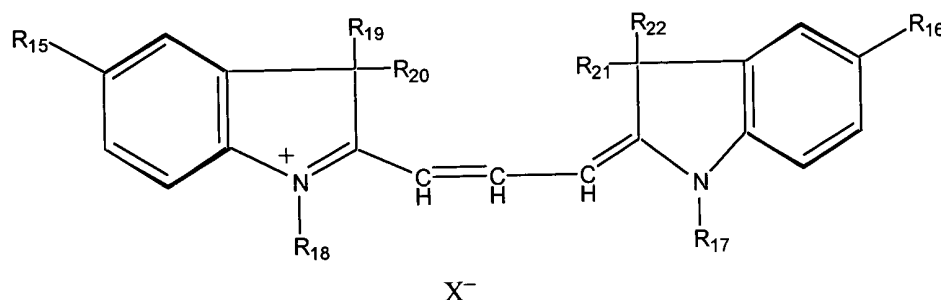


(wherein R_{13} and R_{14} may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-12} alkyl group, a C_{6-12} aryl group, an alkenyl group, an aralkyl group or an alkynyl group; Y is a sulfur atom, a methine group or a chlorocyclohexene group; and X is an anion typified by SbF_6^- , ClO_4^- , NO_3^- or a halogen ion).

Please amend claim 7 to read as follows:

7. (Amended) A near infrared absorption material according to Claim 1, wherein the dye selectively absorbing a light of 550 to

620 nm wavelength region is at least one kind of cyanin dye represented by the following general formula (6):



(wherein R_{15} , R_{16} , R_{19} , R_{20} , R_{21} and R_{22} may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-12} alkyl or alkoxy group, an amino group, a cyano group, a nitro group or a carboxyl group; R_{17} and R_{18} may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-12} alkyl group, a C_{6-12} aryl group, an alkenyl group, an aralkyl group or an alkynyl group; and X is an anion typified by SbF_6^{-} , ClO_4^{-} , NO_3^{-} or a halogen ion).

Please amend claim 9 to read as follows:

9. (Amended) A near infrared absorption material according

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to Claim 1, wherein the transparent substrate is made from a polycarbonate, a polyarylate or both of them.

Please amend claim 10 to read as follows:

10. (Amended) A near infrared absorption material according to Claim 1, wherein the transparent substrate is made from at least one kind selected from a polyethylene terephthalate, a polyethylene naphthalate and a polycycloolefin.

Please amend claim 11 to read as follows:

11. (Amended) A filter for plasma display panel, made from a near infrared absorption material set forth in Claim 1.

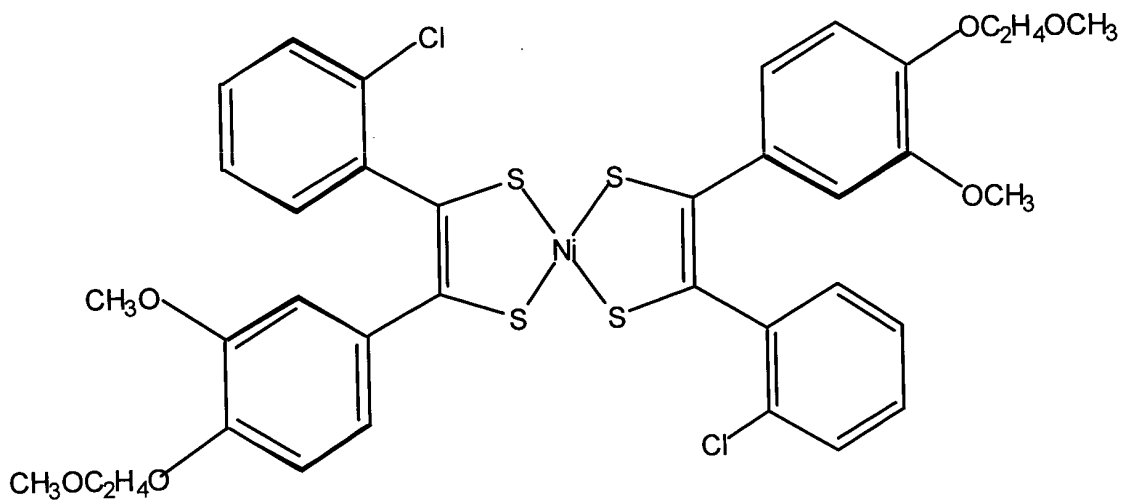
Please add new claims 12 to 27 as follows:

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12. (New) A near infrared absorption material according to Claim 2, wherein the near infrared absorption dye is a dithiol-nickel complex represented by the following formula (1):

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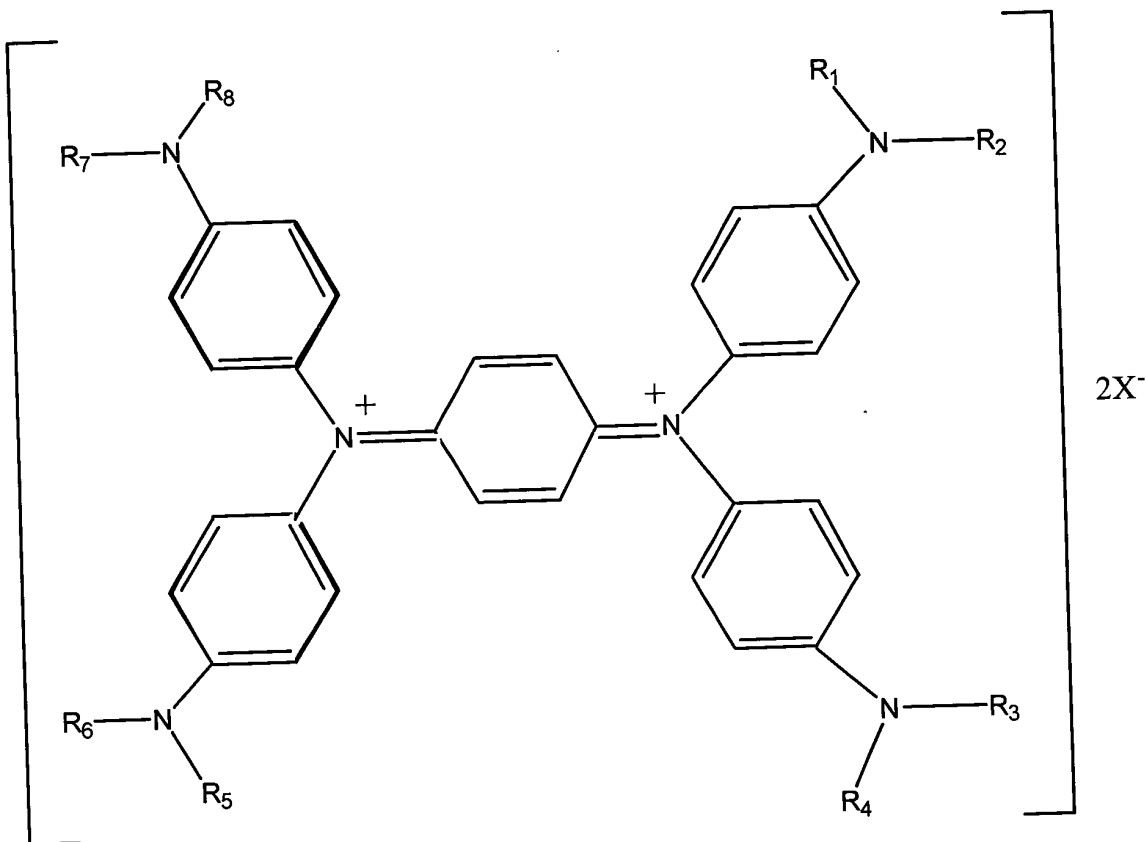
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and at least one kind of diimonium compound represented by the following general formula (2):

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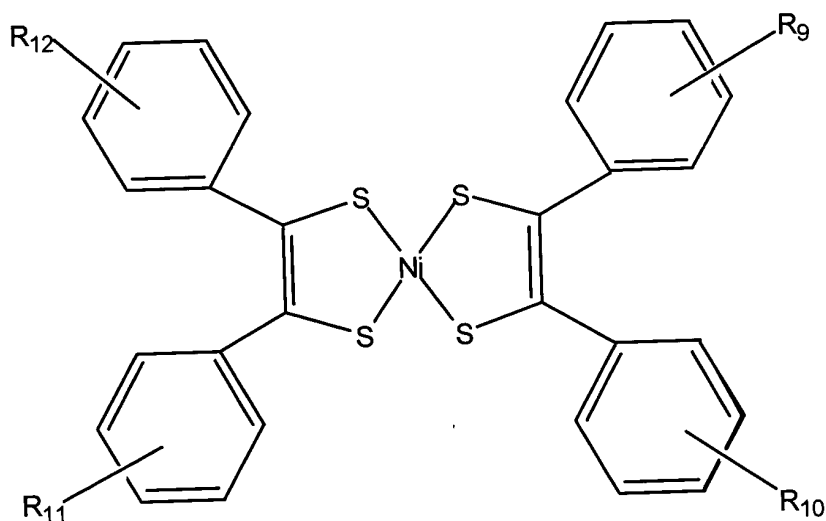
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(wherein R_1 to R_8 may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-12} alkyl group or a C_{6-12} aryl group; and X is an anion typified by SbF_6^- , ClO_4^- , NO_3^- or a halogen ion).

13. (New) A near infrared absorption material according to Claim 2, which further contains at least one kind of dithiol-

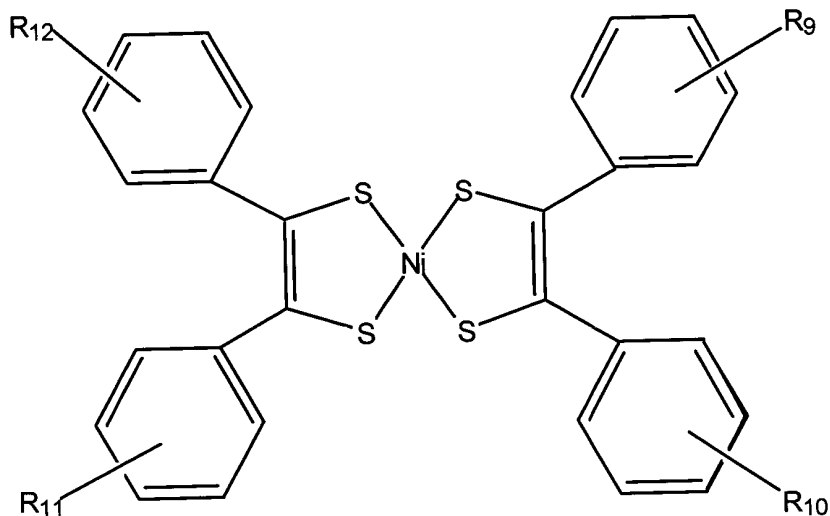
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nickel complex represented by the following general formula (3):



(wherein R₉ to R₁₂ may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₄ alkylene group, an aryl group, an aralkyl group, an alkylamino group, an alkoxy group or a halogen atom).

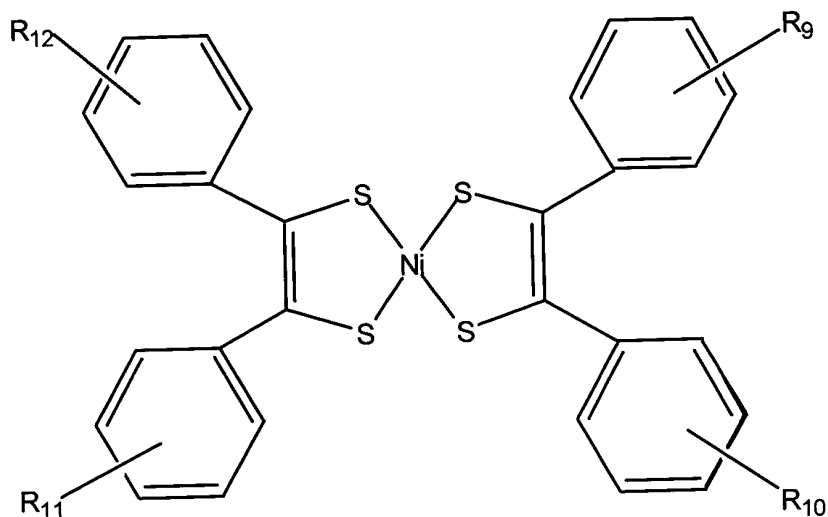
14. (New) A near infrared absorption material according to Claim 3, which further contains at least one kind of dithiol-nickel complex represented by the following general formula (3):

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(wherein R₉ to R₁₂ may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₄ alkylene group, an aryl group, an aralkyl group, an alkylamino group, an alkoxy group or a halogen atom).

15. (New) A near infrared absorption material according to Claim 12, which further contains at least one kind of dithiol-nickel complex represented by the following general formula (3):



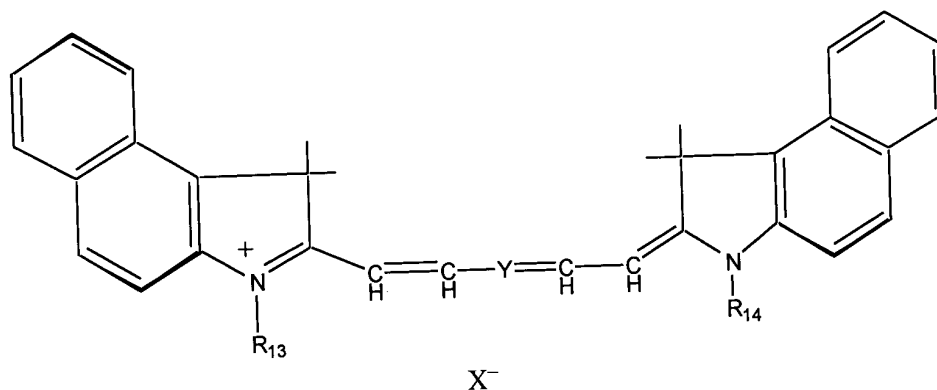
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(wherein R₉ to R₁₂ may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₄ alkylene group, an aryl group, an aralkyl group, an alkylamino group, an alkoxy group or a halogen atom).

16. (New) A near infrared absorption material according to Claim 2, which further contains at least one kind of polymethine dye represented by the following general formula (4):

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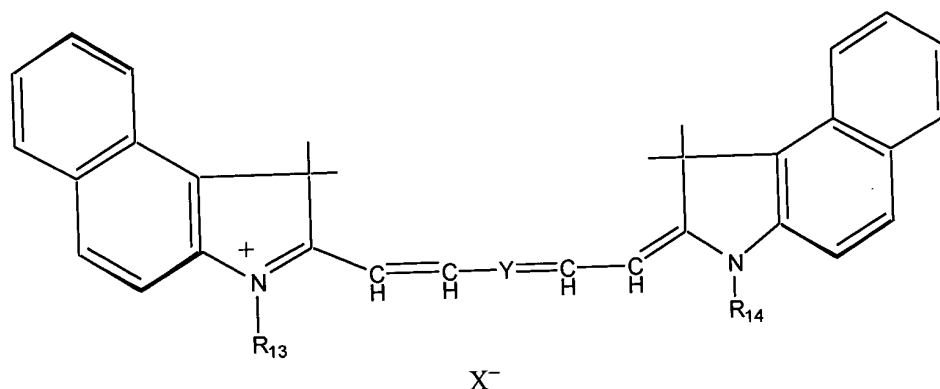
(wherein R_{13} and R_{14} may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-12} alkyl group, a C_{6-12} aryl group, an alkenyl group, an aralkyl group or an alkynyl group; Y is a sulfur atom, a methine group or a chlorocyclohexene group; and X is an anion typified by SbF_6^{-} , ClO_4^{-} , NO_3^{-} or a halogen ion).

17. (New) A near infrared absorption material according to Claim 3, which further contains at least one kind of polymethine dye represented by the following general formula (4):

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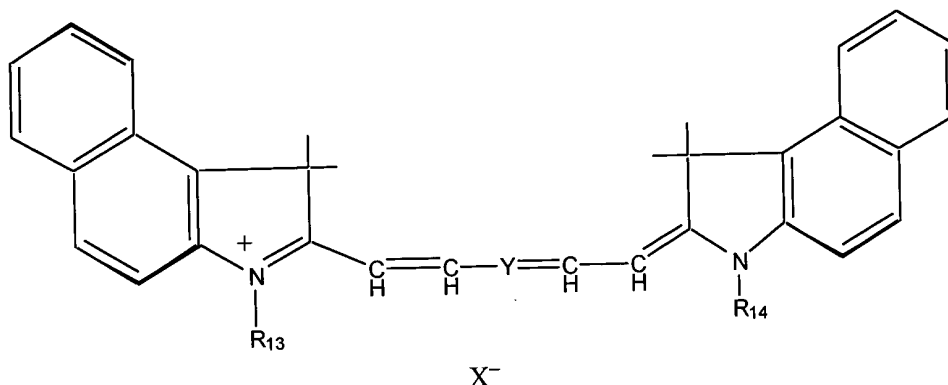
(wherein R_{13} and R_{14} may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-12} alkyl group, a C_{6-12} aryl group, an alkenyl group, an aralkyl group or an alkynyl group; Y is a sulfur atom, a methine group or a chlorocyclohexene group; and X is an anion typified by SbF_6^- , ClO_4^- , NO_3^- or a halogen ion).

18. (New) A near infrared absorption material according to Claim 12, which further contains at least one kind of polymethine dye represented by the following general formula (4):

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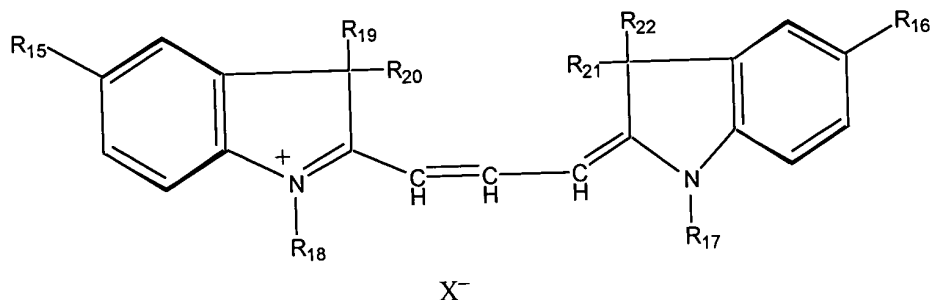


(wherein R_{13} and R_{14} may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-12} alkyl group, a C_{6-12} aryl group, an alkenyl group, an aralkyl group or an alkynyl group; Y is a sulfur atom, a methine group or a chlorocyclohexene group; and X is an anion typified by SbF_6^- , ClO_4^- , NO_3^- or a halogen ion).

19. (New) A near infrared absorption material according to Claim 2, wherein the dye selectively absorbing a light of 550 to 620 nm wavelength region is at least one kind of cyanin dye represented by the following general formula (6):

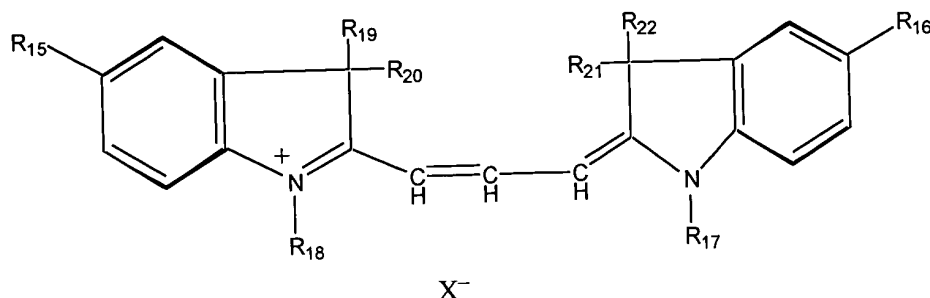
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(wherein R_{15} , R_{16} , R_{19} , R_{20} , R_{21} and R_{22} may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-12} alkyl or alkoxy group, an amino group, a cyano group, a nitro group or a carboxyl group; R_{17} and R_{18} may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-12} alkyl group, a C_{6-12} aryl group, an alkenyl group, an aralkyl group or an alkynyl group; and X is an anion typified by SbF_6^- , ClO_4^- , NO_3^- or a halogen ion).

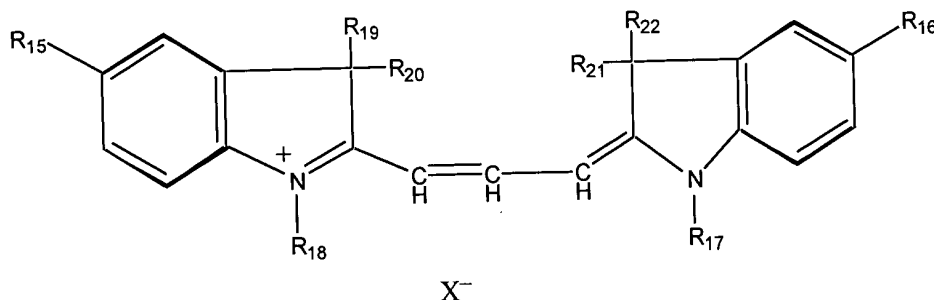
20. (New) A near infrared absorption material according to Claim 3, wherein the dye selectively absorbing a light of 550 to 620 nm wavelength region is at least one kind of cyanin dye represented by the following general formula (6):



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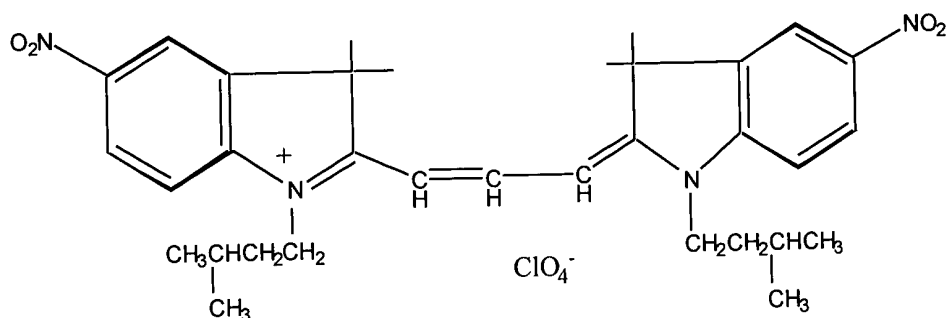
(wherein R_{15} , R_{16} , R_{19} , R_{20} , R_{21} and R_{22} may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-12} alkyl or alkoxy group, an amino group, a cyano group, a nitro group or a carboxyl group; R_{17} and R_{18} may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-12} alkyl group, a C_{6-12} aryl group, an alkenyl group, an aralkyl group or an alkynyl group; and X is an anion typified by SbF_6^- , ClO_4^- , NO_3^- or a halogen ion).

21. (New) A near infrared absorption material according to Claim 12, wherein the dye selectively absorbing a light of 550 to 620 nm wavelength region is at least one kind of cyanin dye represented by the following general formula (6):

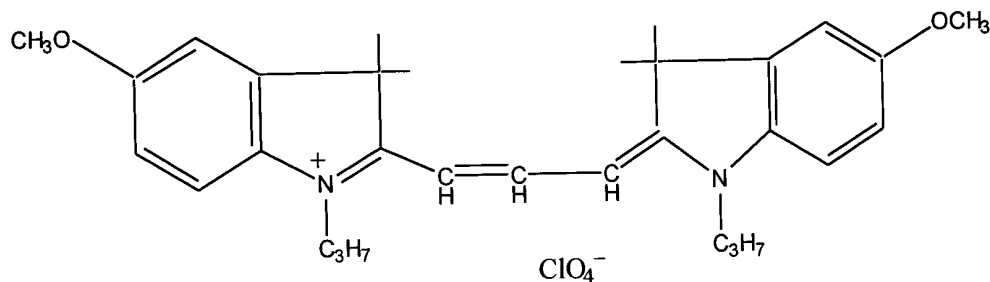


(wherein R_{15} , R_{16} , R_{19} , R_{20} , R_{21} and R_{22} may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-12} alkyl or alkoxy group, an amino group, a cyano group, a nitro group or a carboxyl group; R_{17} and R_{18} may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-12} alkyl group, a C_{6-12} aryl group, an alkenyl group, an aralkyl group or an alkynyl group; and X is an anion typified by SbF_6^- , ClO_4^- , NO_3^- or a halogen ion).

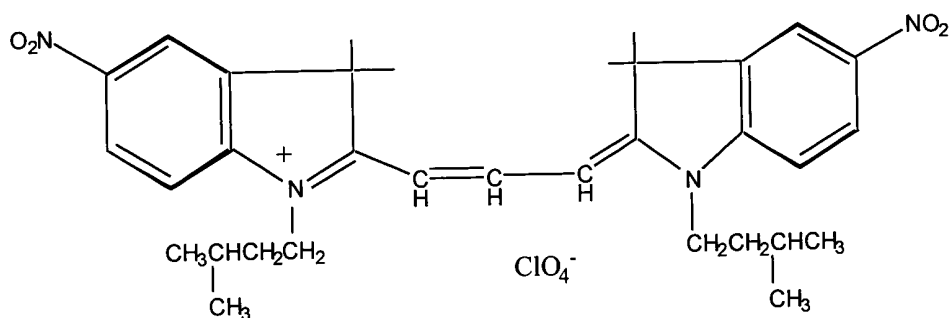
22. (New) A near infrared absorption material according to Claim 19, wherein the dye selectively absorbing a light of 550 to 620 nm wavelength region is at least one dye selected from the dyes represented by the following general formula (7):



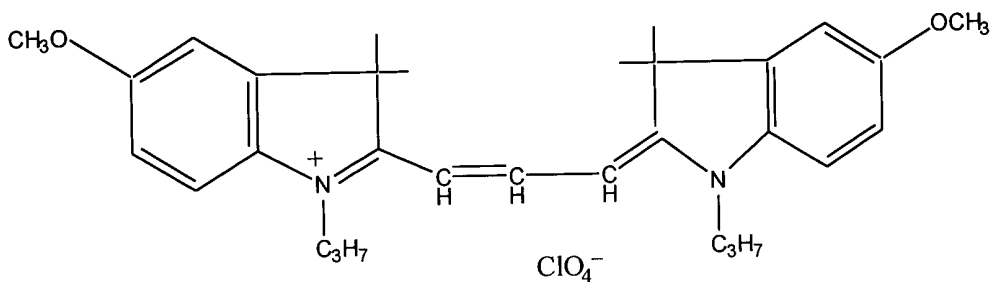
and the dyes represented by the following general formula (8):



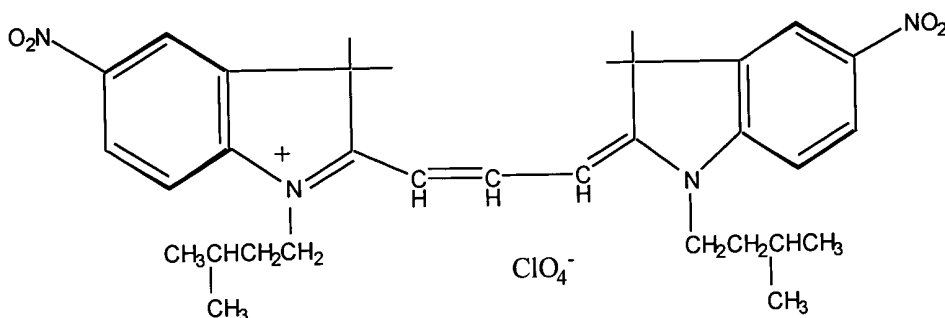
23. (New) A near infrared absorption material according to Claim 20, wherein the dye selectively absorbing a light of 550 to 620 nm wavelength region is at least one dye selected from the dyes represented by the following general formula (7):



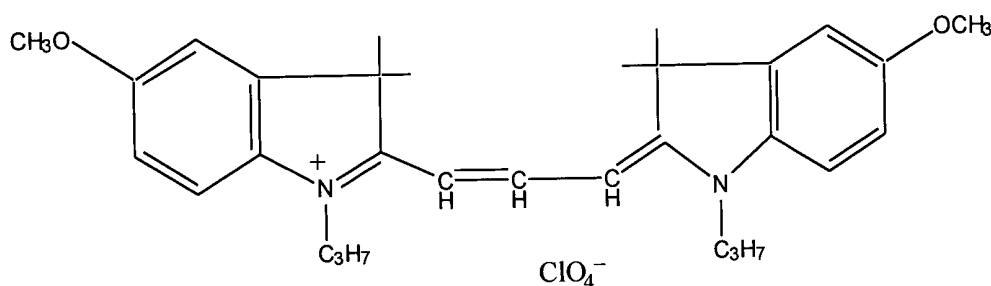
and the dyes represented by the following general formula (8):



24. (New) A near infrared absorption material according to Claim 21, wherein the dye selectively absorbing a light of 550 to 620 nm wavelength region is at least one dye selected from the dyes represented by the following general formula (7):



and the dyes represented by the following general formula (8):



25. (New) A near infrared absorption material according to Claim 2, wherein the transparent substrate is made from a polycarbonate, a polyarylate or both of them.

26. (New) A near infrared absorption material according to Claim 2, wherein the transparent substrate is made from at least one kind selected from a polyethylene terephthalate, a polyethylene naphthalate and a polycycloolefin.

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27 37. (New)

A filter for plasma display panel, made from a
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